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HOFFMAN HOMESTEAD FARM

R. H. HOFFMAN, PROPRIETOR

SANFORD, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Our Money Back Plan

Under which we have been selling
Seed for years satisfactorily, both
to ourselves and our customers, is
continued—

Seed bought from us that is not
found to be satisfactory upon its
arrival, may be returned within
four days at our expense, and
your money will be refunded.

We will not be responsible in any way for
Seed or resultant crop after it is planted. Too
many conditions with which we can have nothing
to do are involved after the seed is sown.

A. H. HOFFMAN,
Bamford, Lancaster Co., Pa.

Seed Fit to Sow

It is with the utmost confidence that we name this list of Farm Seeds by the title "Seed Fit to Sow." We have used every possible precaution in gathering our stock to secure only the best—both as to quality and variety. Many of the grass seeds, the seed corn and oats and a large proportion of the seed potatoes were grown in communities with which we are very familiar, and by people with whom we enjoy the closest relations. The seed that must necessarily be brought from distant places comes to us from the most reliable sources. These facts, together with the thorough tests and investigations that we pursue, justify us in heading our list with the broad title, "Seed Fit to Sow."

Conditions of Sale

If our friends will take the trouble to examine the introductory pages of the various catalogs and lists sent them by other houses, they will fail to find any of them selling seed with the very liberal privilege that we extend to our friends to return their purchases at our expense, for round-trip freight, and have their money refunded in full if the goods are not satisfactory when they arrive. Our only condition of return is that the seed be started back within four days of its arrival at your station. This Money Back offer appears prominently on inside of front cover. This is the best evidence we can present that we aim to send out only the highest grade seed. With this plain invitation to our friends to return their purchases we could not afford to conduct our business without making every effort to send out seeds that will be satisfactory in every respect. However it must be understood that we will not be responsible in any way for the seed we sell or the resultant crop after it is planted. Too many conditions enter here over which we have no control.

Terms

TERMS—Cash with order. We can't do business any other way. Our customer's standing remains unknown to us even though he may order year after year.

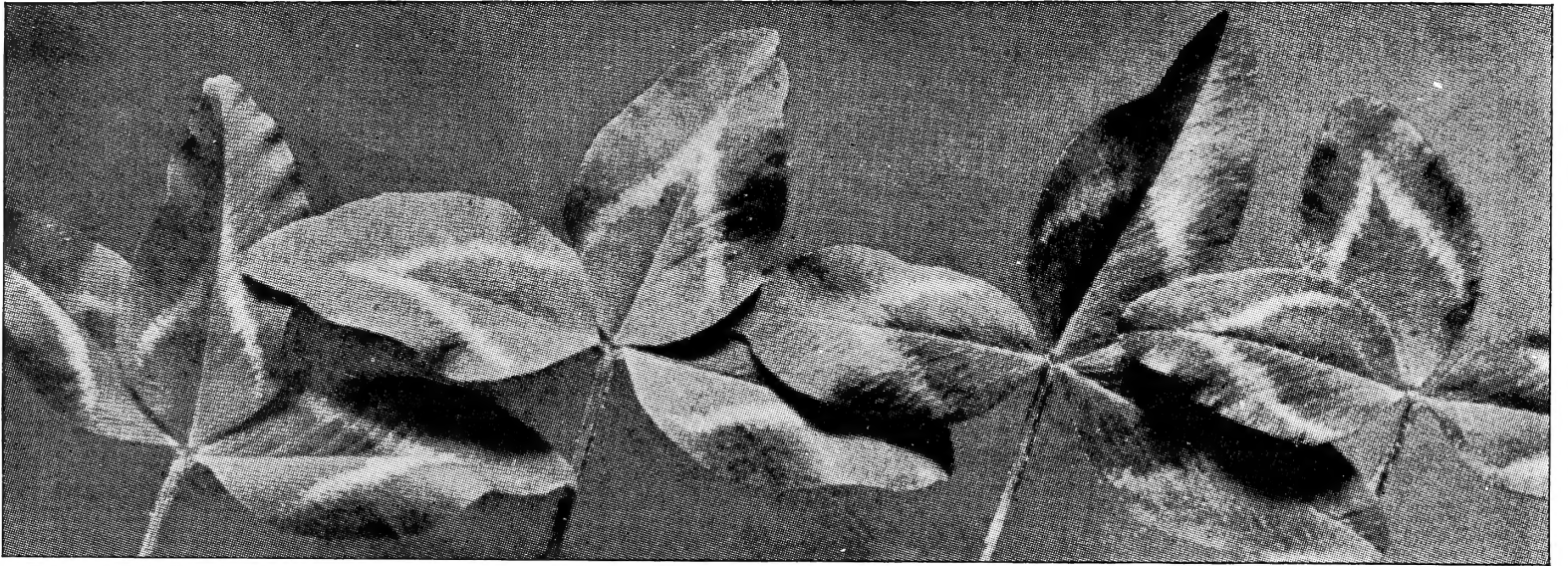
REFERENCE—Dun's or Bradstreet's. Any local bank or business firm.

WRITE PLAINLY your Address and Freight Station.

WE SHIP from Landisville, Pa., over either the Pennsylvania or Reading Systems.

IF YOU ORDER EARLY we will have what you want, we can give your order our best attention and you will be ready at seed time. Order Now.

A. H. HOFFMAN
BAMFORD, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA



Medium Red Clover

This is the common red clover so largely grown in every agricultural section in the United States. It is the most popular of all the grasses, and along with timothy, forms a combination from which at least 90% of the hay is made. Our Medium Red Clover Seed is all grown in this country, which is at once a guarantee that it is practically free from noxious weed seeds that are annually imported from foreign countries. Our stocks of clover were grown in sections where dodder and seed of equal offensiveness does not abound. We offer three grades of Medium Red Clover. While the cheapest grade must necessarily contain some few seed of harmless weeds our examinations have not revealed the presence of anything so offensive as dodder. Nor have our clover seeds been adulterated with tree foil or other similar seeds now used for this purpose. Medium Red Clover is a wonderful soil improver, as well as a favorite grass for hay and pasture. It is mostly sown in the spring, very early, though very much is also sown in the fall. Wherever winter wheat is sown Medium Red Clover should be sown with it—either at the same time the wheat is drilled or early the following spring. Clover is a perennial and will yield crops for several years. From three to eight quarts are sown per acre when sown in wheat fields. The former quantity is light seeding and the latter heavier than necessary when high grade seed is sown.

Prices for all clovers are subject to change without notice. Unless there should be violent fluctuations the following prices will be charged. Bags, extra, @ 22c each.

Extra Medium Red Clover	\$9.90 per bu.
Prime Medium Red Clover	9.35 “
Fair Medium Red Clover	7.50 “

Mammoth Clover

Also known as Sappling and Pea Vine Clover. Like the Medium Red Clover, Mammoth is a perennial and very much like it in every other respect except that it makes a somewhat ranker growth and is a little more reliable on thinner soils. The seed is just like that of the Medium Red and cannot be distinguished from it in appearance. We have been very successful in past seasons in getting the genuine Mammoth variety and we believe our present stocks can be equally relied upon. We sell only one grade of Mammoth and it is about equal in quality to our Extra Medium Red.

Price \$10.00 per bu. Bags 22c each extra.

Alsike

This is one of the very best clovers, though it is not nearly so well known as Medium Red. It is a perennial and may be sown in the same manner as Medium Red and do well for either pasture, hay or soil improvement. It grows nearly as tall as red clover, is finer in its foliage and therefore makes a finer and better hay. It will thrive wherever Red Clover does reasonably well, and it "catches" easier in thin soils than red clover. The seeds are smaller than Red Clover, and for this reason fewer quarts need be sown per acre to get an equal setting. Alsike is largely sown now in connection with Red Clover. That is, the two clovers are mixed together in the proportion of one part Alsike to two parts Red Clover and the most satisfactory results are secured.

There is no question but that Alsike will thrive under unfavorable conditions. It is an insurance against failure, to sow a proportion of Alsike with Medium Red Clover.

Price \$10.00 per bu. Bags 22c each extra.



Crimson Clover

Crimson or Scarlet Clover is an annual. It is the most popular clover to farm for the purpose of plowing under to enrich the soil. It makes a very tall, rank growth of foliage. It gathers nitrogen from the air and there is no cheaper source of nitrogen to be had than Crimson Clover. It should be sown in July or August and by the following spring it will come into blossom about the middle of May to the 1st of June, when it should be plowed under. If it is to be followed by early crops the plowing may be done earlier with very little loss in fertilizer value. Many successful farmers sow Crimson Clover after early potatoes have been taken up. Others get splendid results by sowing in their corn fields at the corn's last cultivation. Crimson Clover is larger in the seed than the other clovers and consequently as much as eight to ten quarts should be sown per acre to get best results.

Fancy Crimson Clover, \$8.50 per bu. Bags 22c each extra.

Timothy Seed

This grass seed is so well known for its value as a hay producer that we will only state that we sell the very best seed obtainable under the name of "Farmers Choice." Seed is very scarce at this time and the price higher than for many years.

Price \$5.50 per bu.

Bags 22c each extra.

An Economical Mixture of Red Clover, Alsike and Timothy. This is a combination that is a very proper one to sow for either hay, pasture or soiling purposes, and is sold so cheaply that it will appeal to all who wish to save something in their grass seed bills. The proportion is approximately one-fourth Timothy, one-fourth Alsike and one-half Medium Red Clover.

Price \$7.50 per bu. of 60 lbs.

Bags 22c each extra.

White Clover

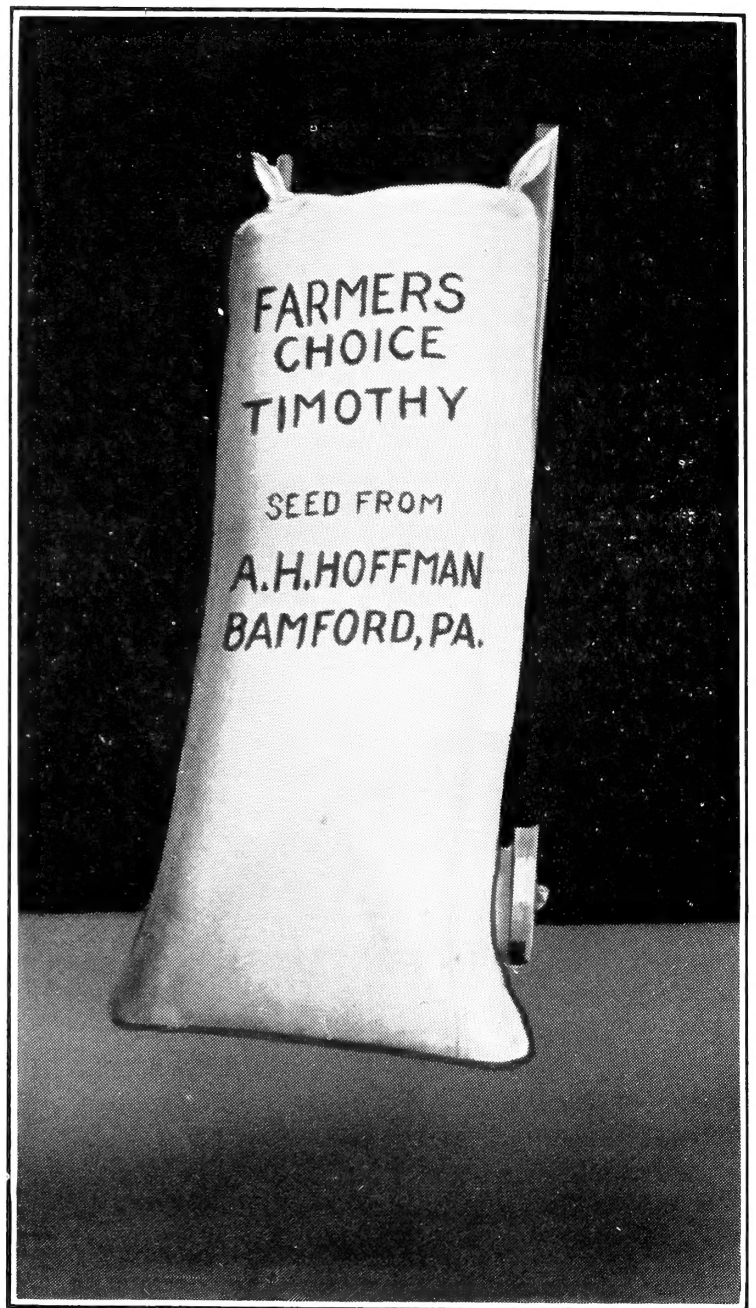
This thrives in almost every climate it makes a low creeping growth with small white flowers. It will do well in low, moist soils as well as on dry hot hillsides. It is valuable in pasture mixtures and in lawn grasses.

Price 30c per lb. By mail, 40c per lb., postpaid.

Alfalfa

This perennial strongly resembles clover in manner of growth. It requires great care to successfully start an Alfalfa field, but when once started will last with a little care as long as 20 years and be the source of much profit. It makes a wonderful growth, and in a fair season three crops of hay may be made and this hay has a feeding or market value equal to that made from any other grass. In very fertile soils Alfalfa fields have been known to produce in a single season five cuttings of grass. Alfalfa must be cut every time it comes into bloom if the patch is to be preserved permanently. The plant is quite hardy, but must not be sown in moist or wet grounds. 20 to 35 lbs. per acre are sown. Land intended for Alfalfa should be well manured and an application of lime is recommended. The soil should be prepared with the utmost care and the seed broadcasted, slightly covered and soil then compacted. The months of August and September seem to be preferred to sow Alfalfa, but many successful growers sow in March and April. Many farmers not yet ready to grow Alfalfa are mixing a few pounds with their red clover seed in order to get their soils inoculated with the proper bacteria for future Alfalfa crops. This course is a wise one.

We can furnish high grade Seed at 25c per lb. \$13 00 per bu. of 60 lbs.



Other Grasses

Kentucky Blue Grass. This is a fine green grass that may be sown either in the spring or fall. It makes its most rapid growth in cool weather, but withstands effect of the greatest heat. It is a fine pasture grass when once established but its greatest value is for lawn purposes. However, for both lawn and pasture purposes it should be sown with other grasses. See our lawn grass and pasture mixtures. Price \$4.00 per bu. of 14 lbs.

Canada Blue Grass. This is very similar to the Kentucky Blue Grass. It is slightly coarser, though the difference can hardly be noticed. Now that the Kentucky Blue Grass is so high the Canada variety may be economically used as a substitute.

Price \$2.25 per bu. of 14 lbs.

Red Top. This is a valuable grass for either hay or pasture. May be sown either spring or fall. Grows slowly in the spring but ripens with timothy. It is a strong grass. Does not die out. When once well started will spread and supplant other grasses. It, however, is not hard to destroy when it is necessary to plow land for other crops. It succeeds well in any soil and is particularly well adapted for low moist lands. Red Top Seed is sold both solid and in the chaff. Sow 8 to 10 lbs. per acre of solid seed or 20 to 30 lbs. in the chaff. The heavy seed weighs 32 lbs. per bu. The light seed weighs 14 lbs. per bu.

Prices : { Fancy Red Top (solid seed), \$6.50 per bu. of 32 lbs.
 { Unhulled Red Top, \$1.75 per bu. of 14 lbs.

Lawn Grass. We have a very fine mixture of Lawn Grass that will be sure to please all who want to grow a fine sward of rich green grass. It is prepared with the utmost care and is made up of the different fine-bladed grasses that are necessary to bring about the best results. The high-priced Kentucky Blue Grass and White Clover are not cut out on account of their expensiveness. Sow 70 lbs. per acre or one lb. for 300 square feet. Early spring or early fall is the time to sow. Price 25c per lb. By mail, postpaid, 40c per lb.

Permanent Pasture Mixtures for Lowland and Highland. We have been selling mixtures for both highland and lowland sowing for several seasons and the best results have been secured. These mixtures are made from a variety of grasses and the resulting growth not only makes the best of permanent pasture beginning in early spring and lasting until late fall, but it is of a nature that will permit cutting and make the heaviest crops of high quality hay. Not only are the best grasses used for the purpose but they are mixed in the proper proportions. These mixtures are suitable for either spring or fall sowing. We advise sowing 40 lbs. per acre. Price 17c per lb. State whether Lowland or Highland Mixture is desired.

Orchard Grass. This is a valuable grass for hay and pasture. It grows from early in spring until late in fall. It grows quickly and bears close pasturing. May be sown in spring or fall, about two bu. per acre. When Orchard grass is left for hay it should be cut before seed ripens. Better results with this grass are secured when Tall Meadow Oat Grass and Clover are sown with it. Price \$3.00 per bu. of 14 lbs.

Tall Meadow Oat Grass. A useful grass to sow with mixtures. Ripens early. Succeeds on poor land. Sow 35 lbs. per acre. Price 20c per lb.

Italian Rye Grass. One of the best grasses, but does not winter well. Sow 40 lbs. per acre. Price 10c per lb.

Perennial Rye Grass. Suitable everywhere. As its name indicates, lasts two seasons. Makes splendid hay, yielding heavily and must be cut when in bloom. Sow 50 lbs. per acre. Price 10c per lb.

Meadow Fescue. Suitable for low wet land. Should enter into pasture mixtures. Price 30c per lb.

Meadow Foxtail. Comes from England, where it is a favorite for low, wet places. Good for meadows and pasture. Grows early and abundantly. Sow 30 lbs. per acre. Price 25c per lb.

Sheep Fesque. Adapted for light, dry and sandy soils. Smaller than other Fesques but very nutritious. Should enter sheep pastures. Sow 30 lbs. per acre. Price 20c per lb.

Dwarf Essex Rape. This is grown for sheep and hog pasture and is also valuable to plow down as a soiling crop. It is sown in the spring or fall, sometimes in rows and cultivated and sometimes broadcast. Four lbs. per acre are required to sow in drills, ten lbs. to sow broadcast. Price 6½c per lb.

Sand or Hairy Vetch. May be sown in April and will give a heavy crop in July, when a good crop of hay may be made and the aftermath will make excellent pasture. May be sown with oats or barley. It is a soil improver and may be grown on barren soils. When sown with one bu. of oats or barley 40 lbs. per acre are required. When sown alone 60 lbs. are required. Price 10c per lb.

Common Millet. Makes a quick crop of coarse hay that must be cut before seed is ripe. Grows in light soil. 30 lbs. per acre is recommended. Price \$1.25 per bu.



A Lancaster County Field of Tartar Oats

Tartar Oats

We again offer this splendid variety of Oats and recommend it as the best that can be secured. The original stock of this seed was imported from Tartary by Mr. I. S. Long in 1901. In 1902 Mr. Long farmed twenty acres of these oats on his Lebanon County, Penn'a, farm and secured the enormous yield of 2,117 bushels. Since then Tartar Oats has not lost any of its vigor or productive qualities. We believe it yet capable of doing, under favorable conditions, what it did for Mr. Long. Reports from our customers indicate that Tartar Oats succeeds in almost any climate or soil, and out-yields any other variety of oats.

Tartar Oats is long and stiff in straw. It does not lodge easily. The oats are heavy and white with thin chaff. It is the earliest variety we know of.

Farmers who bought Tartar Oats from us the past few years made good investments. The crops they grew invariably attracted much attention and were in great demand for seed at good prices at home.

Mr. John R. Briggs of New York, a purchaser of Tartar Oats from us, writes—"I threshed nearly a 1,000 bushels and they were fine. The yield was 75 to 90 bushels per acre. Every one around here wanted them this spring. I sold all I had for seed at \$1.00 per bushel in the bin."

Mr. E. L. Rumbaugh of Pennsylvania, writes—"When people saw them grow they wanted my crop for seed and I had to turn down orders so that I had enough left to sow."

Mr. G. P. Krymer of New Jersey, writes—"Since I have been growing the Tartar Oats I bought of you, everyone who looks at it grow pronounces it the finest oats in this section."

R. M. Black of Ohio, says—"Am sorry to say oats crop in this section is a failure. I, however, have the pleasure of having the best crop. The Tartar seed brought about 35 bu. per acre—good heavy oats, while few other fields made 10 bu. of light oats. Many did not cut their oats at all. All the Tartar Oats I have to spare are reserved for seed."

Eugene Anderson of Pennsylvania, writes—"The 5 bu. of Tartar Oats were sown on May 13th, and matured August 13th. Think them very early oats. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres yielded 58 bu. thrasher's measure, which means all the bushel will hold heaped and the oats are very heavy. Many stalks had 50 to 100 grains and I counted one that had 120 grains and did not count the small ones. The oats stood up well while other varieties always went down on same land. Other oats in the neighborhood failed and mine is all bespoke for seed."

J. Frank Smith of Pennsylvania, on July 25th, 1910, writes that he started to cut his Tartar Oats crop grown from the 36 bu. purchased from me and that he never saw anything like it. He says—"I measured a stalk that was 5 ft. 11 in. in height and counted 181 pods on it. This crop has attracted the attention of all my neighbors."

J. L. Divine, writes—"Tartar Oats is the finest Oats in this country. One bu. of seed turns out 25 bu. of oats. Tartar Oats took first prize at our fair (Westmoreland Co., Pa.) this year, 1910."

Mr. S. R. Blayney of Pennsylvania, writes—"I will just add a word of praise for the Tartar Oats you sent me. I purchased only one-half bu. several years ago, from which I have grown many hundreds of bushels. They have been the talk of the neighborhood here for the past two seasons and I could sell a thousand bushels of them for seed this spring if I had them."

Prices of Tartar Oats

32 lbs. per bu.

1 1/2 bu. sacked	.	.	\$2 00
2 " "	.	.	2.50
2 1/2 " "	.	.	3 00
3 " "	.	.	3 50
5 " "	.	.	5.50
6 " "	.	.	6 50

7 to 19 bu. . . \$1 00 per bu.

Cotton Bags, 22c each extra.

20 bu. or more, 90c per bu. Cotton Bags, 22c each extra. Bags are capable of holding 2 1/2 bu. each. We advise sowing 2 1/2 bu. per acre.



A Sheaf of Good Tartar Oats 5 Feet Long



Tartar Oats Field of J. Frank Smith

Sagoyenathea Oats

Here is a new variety that was propagated on the famous Sagoyenathea Oats Farm, in that splendid oat growing county, Yates, of New York. We are convinced of its merit as a variety and we shall be pleased to have our friends give it a trial. We have secured our stock right from the introducer. In fact we have his entire crop and have the exclusive right to sell it. The proprietor of Sagoyenathea Farm, who has been an expert oats grower for years, growing many varieties with the greatest success, tells me that "I had the finest field of them that I ever saw of any variety."

Sagoyenathea Oats is a fine white variety. Yields enormously. It is heavy, very early and will not lodge. It is a positive branching variety, throwing out its branches of berries on all sides. This manner of growth of the Sagoyenathea Oats, together with its thick walled straw, makes the variety one that will stand up under almost any condition and insure a splendid crop of oats. Sow $2\frac{1}{2}$ bu. per acre.

Prices

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bu. sacked . . .	\$2.50	3 bu. sacked . . .	\$4.50
2 bu. sacked . . .	3.20	4 bu. sacked . . .	5.75
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ bu. sacked . . .	3.75	5 bu. sacked . . .	7.00
6 bu. or more, \$1.30 per bu. Cotton Bags, 22c each extra.			
20 bu., \$1.25 per bu. Cotton Bags, 22c each extra.			

Improved American Banner Oats

(Grown from Registered Seed)

We take much pride in being able to offer this wonderful oats as it was only with the greatest effort that we were able to arrange for its importation direct from Canada, where it has achieved remarkable triumphs.

It tops the lists at the Canada Experimental Farms every year and it is certainly worthy of trial in the United States. It is an established fact that oats brought from the North to the South is benefited by the change and need not be acclimated like corn and some other grains. American Banner is medium early, thin hull, heavy berry of nice shape, stiff straw, in fact, combines every desirable quality.

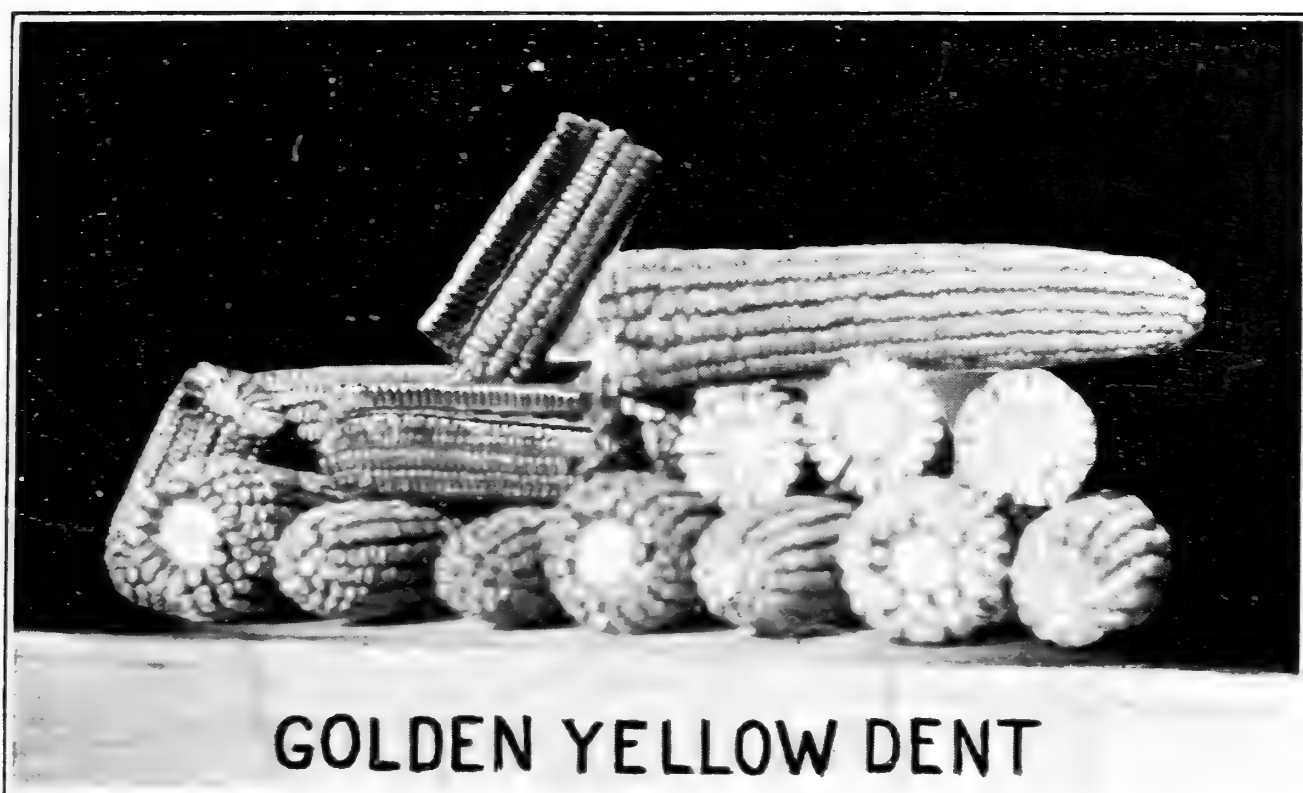
Our stock was grown from **Registered Seed**. This means that the seed from which the American Banner Oats was grown was produced under the stringent rules of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, which was inaugurated by the Dominion Government. Only seed can be registered that has been hand selected before harvest for three successive years. Selections are made from standard plants of a fixed type of vigorous production. This seed is sown and from resultant crop similar selections are made, and so on for three years (careful records being kept) before seed is entitled to registration.

Our stock was grown from Registered Seed and should be just as pure and vigorous as the Registered. Here is an oats with a pedigree that we believe will give magnificent results and we recommend it for trial.

Prices

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bu. sacked . . .	\$2.50	3 bu. sacked . . .	\$4.75
2 bu. sacked . . .	3.25	4 bu. sacked . . .	6.00
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ bu. sacked . . .	4.00	5 bu. sacked . . .	7.50
6 bu. or more, \$1.40 per bu. Bags, 22c each extra.			

Seed Corn



Improved Golden Yellow Dent. This is one of the most popular corns. It is early and will mature in the shortest of seasons. Golden Yellow Dent produces a moderate sized ear with very deep grains. In fact we know of no other variety where there is so little cob in proportion to the grain. The variety in rich soils may be planted a little closer than the average variety. This corn fills out well. It yields heavy on average soils and if planted thinly on poor soils will fill out extremely well. The fodder is long, very leafy and makes a good variety to plant for ensilage purposes. We cannot recommend this variety too highly, for we feel sure of its value under almost any conditions of soil and climate. It may not fill up your crib as full as some other varieties but when same is shelled it will be found to shell very high in bushels of corn, for there is hardly any cob.

Price per bu., sacked and shelled, \$1.75 ; half bu., \$1.00 ; peck, 75c.

By mail, postpaid, one quart, 30c.

Improved Leaming. This is another deep grained yellow variety of much popularity. The ears are large with 18 to 22 rows of grains. It is early, too, does not make such a tall stalk, but every stalk is sure to have an ear even when farmed under adverse conditions. In a favorable season stalks will make two ears of good size. This variety readily adapts itself to soils of any character and succeeds well in any latitude where corn of any kind thrives.

Price per bu., sacked and shelled, \$1.75 ; half bu., \$1.00 ; peck, 75c.

Quart, by mail, postpaid, 30c.

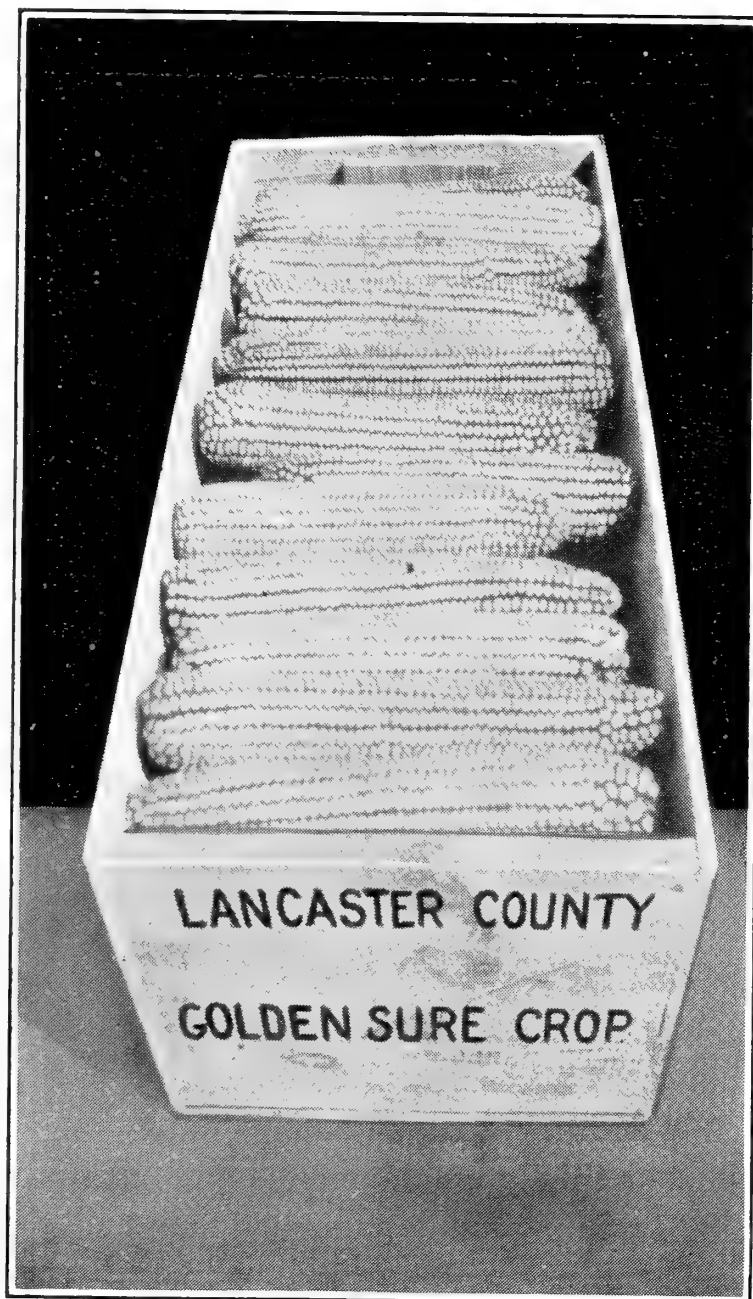
Johnson County White. This is the white corn that has been winning the prizes in the western corn shows the past two years. The reasons for its prize winning success is that it conforms so well to the scoring requirements of the experts. Its ears are very uniform in shape, size and arrangement of rows of grains. The ears are cylindrical in shape to within a short distance of the tip. Both kernel and cob are white. There is very little space between the rows and when shelled yields well in bushels of corn per acre.

Price, shelled and sacked, per bu., \$1.75 ; half bu., \$1.00 ; peck, 75c.

Lancaster County Golden Shure Crop

Here is a new variety that we are offering for the first time. In fact this is the first time that it has ever been offered by any seed house. Its merits are only known here in Lancaster County, Pa., where it has been grown long enough to make a record that justifies us in introducing it to the public on our own responsibility, and in doing so we urge our old customers at least to give it a trial. The strong point of this variety is its ability to make a crop under adverse circumstances. This has been distinctly noticeable in several past excessively dry seasons. This is possibly due to the very broad leaf, which is most essential to bring a corn crop through a dry season. The ears are long; in shape they taper considerable from the butt to the tip, a characteristic that would be against it in the show room. The length of the ears average close to a foot. The color is a rich yellow, the caps of the grains being somewhat lighter than the sides. The grains are square rather than tipped. The cob is of fair size but the square grains so take up the space between the rows that the corn when shelled yields as well in proportion as some of the smaller cobbled varieties.

The originator of this corn is a typical Lancaster County farmer, who has devoted a score of years to its production, and is even too modest to allow the use of his name in this connection. Lancaster County Golden Shure Crop is an early variety and matures here long before the season for corn growth ends. It husks easily and yields so heavily as compared with the common varieties grown side by side that we offer same with the fullest confidence in its great value as a variety.



Prices, per bu., shelled and sacked, \$2.25; half bu., \$1.50; peck, \$1.00.
One quart, by mail, postpaid, 40c.

The following lines are from some of the Lancaster County, Pa., farmers, who have tried Lancaster County Golden Shure Crop for several years or more:

I have grown Lancaster County Golden Shure Crop and find it to be the best I can grow. In our mill we claim it to be the best corn that is brought here to be ground, and I advise all farmers to farm it.
SAMUEL EBY & SON.

I can especially recommend the Lancaster County Golden Shure Crop for either wet or dry seasons. I farmed the corn with the best results.
AMOS EBY.

I can recommend Lancaster County Golden Shure Crop as the best corn I ever raised. A good yielder and easy husker.
AMOS H. HOOVER.

Of all the good varieties of corn I have tried the Lancaster County Golden Shure Crop is my first choice. It combines quality and quantity. It has a fine stalk with broad leaf, very essential in a dry season.
ISAAC E. HERSHEY.

I have planted Lancaster County Golden Shure Crop; have housed a good crop; will plant it again and recommend it for yield and quality, very highly.
C. M. BRACKBILL.

The Lancaster County Golden Shure Crop is the corn to grow, as it will outyield any other variety that I ever tried.
NEWTON STEVENS.

For Seed Corn in Crates See Page 16.

Seed Potatoes

After selling and advising the planting of Northern Grown Seed Potatoes for a number of years we do not wish to condemn the practice of bringing Seed Potatoes from New York and Maine. On the contrary we believe there are few other sources of good seed potatoes and we are again offering quite a list of potatoes from the North.

However we make no apology for offering this season quite a lot of Seed Potatoes that were grown by ourselves on our own farm here in Pennsylvania. The best authorities connected with the several experiment stations of our potato growing states have been claiming for years that if potatoes were grown with certain care and precautions taken in the matter of seed, and the digging and storing of the crop, that our own seed would be just as valuable for planting as that brought from the far North, and in most cases be sounder, cleaner and freer from disease. In line with the suggestions of these authorities we have been experimenting for some time and as a result we have to offer



Irish Cobblers in Blossom

this spring strictly high grade Pennsylvania Seed Potatoes that we believe will compare very favorably in vitality with that shipped us from the North. Besides there will be considerable saving in price as the extra handling, with long freight hauls and packing, adds considerable to the selling price of Northern Grown Potatoes.

The value of New York and Maine Seed Potatoes is conceded to be due to the good crops from which they are taken, and to the fact that the seed is easily kept solid with all its vitality by reason of the comparatively short time that they must be stored from the late digging time in the North to the early planting time in the more Southern sections.

We claim practically the same value for the several varieties of Pennsylvania Grown Seed Potatoes that we here offer. On our farm we have soils rich enough to produce just as heavy crops of seed as the average ones grown in Maine and heavier than those grown in New York. None of the seed potatoes offered herein were taken from crops that yielded less than 200 bushels per acre and our Cobblers ran from 200 to 300 bushels per acre.

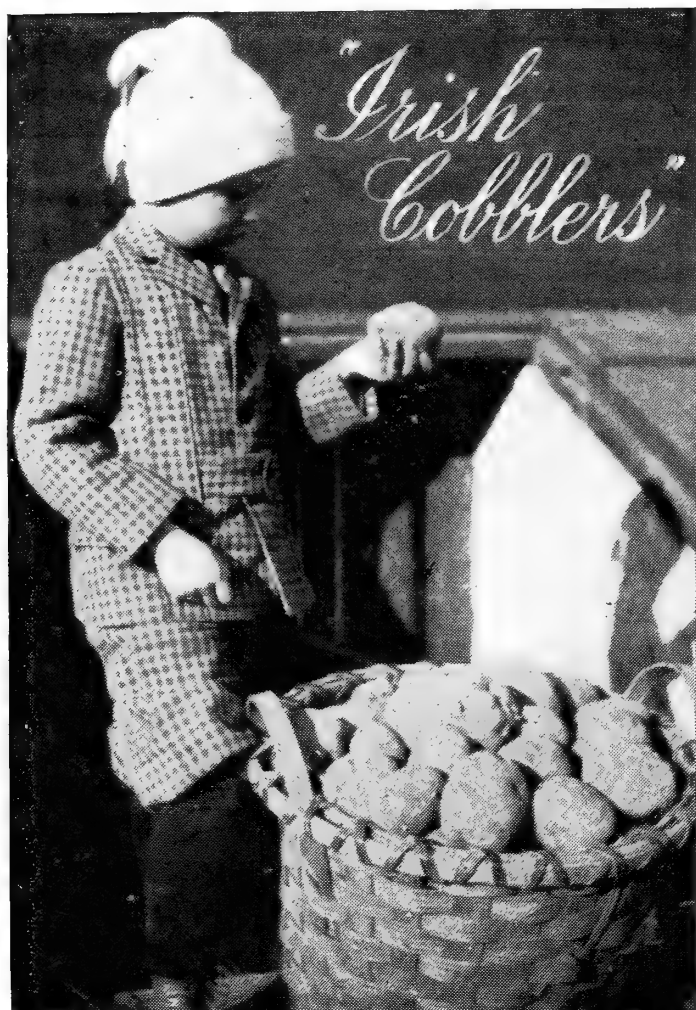
By leaving our potatoes in the ground the longest possible time before they are dug and by taking the necessary precautions to store the potatoes at the proper temperature after they are dug, keeping them just warm enough to

prevent freezing and cold enough to keep them from sprouting, until near spring, we are able to preserve the vitality of our seed so as to make it a close competitor for seed value with the potatoes brought from the North.

We wish to make the additional claim for our Pennsylvania Grown Seed Potatoes that they are always ripe rather than green, as there is always time enough for our crops to mature, and they are never frost bitten.

Furthermore our seed is strictly free from scab and other diseases, as we have for years soaked all our Seed Potatoes in the formalin solution to kill the scab that may have been on them, and have been able to plant in soils that have always been clean. Nor have we had any blight in any of our potatoes that we grew from seed.

VARIETIES



Irish Cobblers. This variety we keep at the head of our list because we consider it the most valuable potato variety grown in this country. It has long been conceded the best early white potato but lately it has taken rank with some of the later varieties as the best for main crop purposes. There is no other variety grown that has so many desirable points to commend it.

The Irish Cobbler is the Earliest White Variety grown.

The Heaviest Yielder of all the varieties, early or late.

Equal to any for its eating qualities.

The best keeper of the early varieties and equal to any late variety as a keeper.

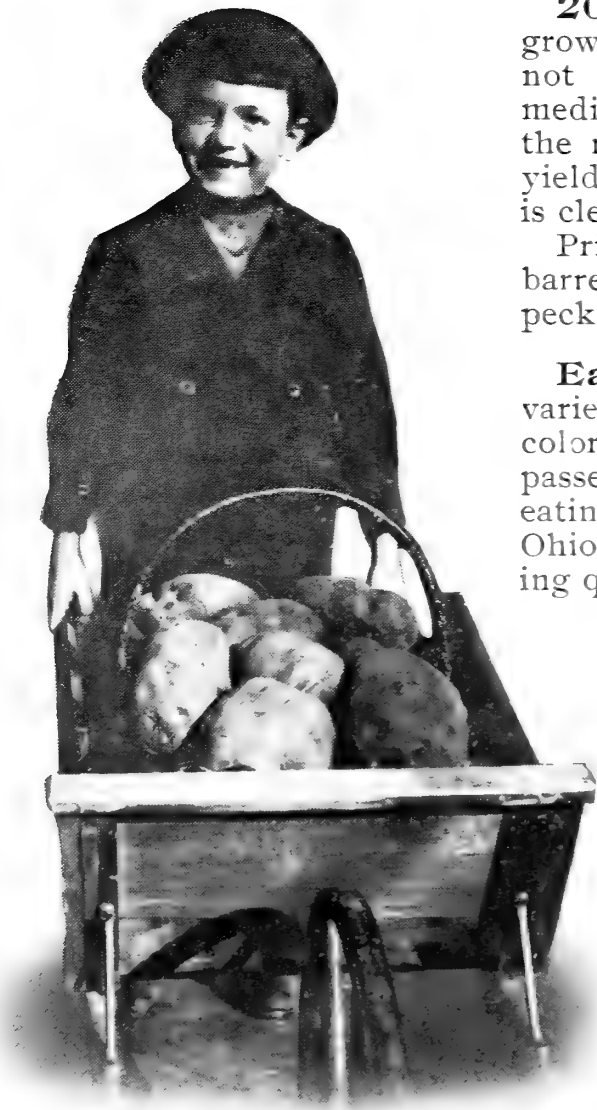
It is this latter point of good keeping that has made the Irish Cobbler become a favorite variety for main crop purposes. There is no market where the Cobbler is now sold in which it does not command the highest price for eating purposes. The prejudice formerly existing against this variety because it was an early one has entirely disappeared, since its keeping qualities have become known.

It may be said that the shape of the Cobbler is oval to oblong with the eyes very shallow for an early variety. There is apt to be a small indent at the stem end of the Cobbler. This is perhaps the only objection that can be raised against it. Another peculiarity of the Cobbler is that the cluster of eyes usually at the end of most varieties is somewhat on the side of the end of the Cobbler. It is well that the Cobbler has these peculiarities, for by means of them the genuineness of this valuable variety can be easily established.

Blight seldom affects the Cobbler. Its crop is usually finished before the late blight takes hold and in our central states even the early blight seldom affects it. Drought does not affect the Cobbler so much for the reason that there is always enough moisture in the ground in the early spring to finish the crop of this quick growing variety. Our crop of Cobblers yielded up to 300 bushels per acre this season. The seed is of good size, but there are no tubers in the crop so large that they cannot be cut up economically. There is absolutely no trace of scab in our Cobblers.

Prices: Barrel of 165 lbs., shipped in heavy sack, \$2.50; 3 to 5 barrels, \$2.40 per bbl.; 10 or more barrels, \$2.25 per bbl.; bu., \$1.00; half bu., 60c; peck, 35c.

Second Size Cobblers. We have a limited quantity of Second Size Cobblers, the size of a hen's egg and thereabouts. Price \$1.35 per barrel sack of 165 lbs.



20th Century

Price, \$2.50 per bbl. ; \$1.00 per bu. ; 60c per half bu. ; 35c per peck.

20th Century. This is a late variety. It grows throughout the whole season. Drouth does not affect it nearly so much as varieties that are medium early. It is white in color with a skin of the russet order. The tubers grow large and our yield was above 200 bushels per acre. Our stock is clean and sound.

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Early Northern. This is a rose colored early variety that is taking the place of all other rose colored early varieties. Its earliness is not surpassed by any other rose variety. It has the good eating qualities of the Early Rose and the Early Ohio and greatly surpasses both of them in yielding qualities. We have a fine crop of them grown

right here on the Hoffman Homestead Farm, where they yielded 200 bushels per acre. They were not blighted during any stage of their growth, are absolutely clean of scab and are strictly first-class seed potatoes in every respect. Prices : \$2.50 per barrel sack of 165 lbs. ; 3 to 5 barrels, \$2.40 per bbl. ; 10 barrels, \$2.25 per bbl. ; bu., \$1.00 ; half bu., 60c ; peck, 35c.

Early Six Weeks. This is an early pink variety with better yielding qualities than eating qualities. We consider it of rather coarse texture. Nevertheless it is largely grown in some communities. Our stock was grown by ourselves and is clean, sound and genuine.

Northern Grown Seed Potatoes

We have the following varieties that were grown in either Maine or New York. They come from the very best sources and we believe in their quality for seed purposes. The prices quoted are subject to market changes, but we will stand by them unless there are very violent market fluctuations. Anyone wanting large quantities will do well to state just how many, naming variety and we may be able to furnish more favorable prices.

Irish Cobblers, \$4.00 per barrel.

See description on page 12.

Green Mountains. Probably more largely grown than any other variety for main crop. The qualities are among the highest for eating, yielding and for appearance. The color is white and the shape round to oblong.

Price \$3.25 per barrel.



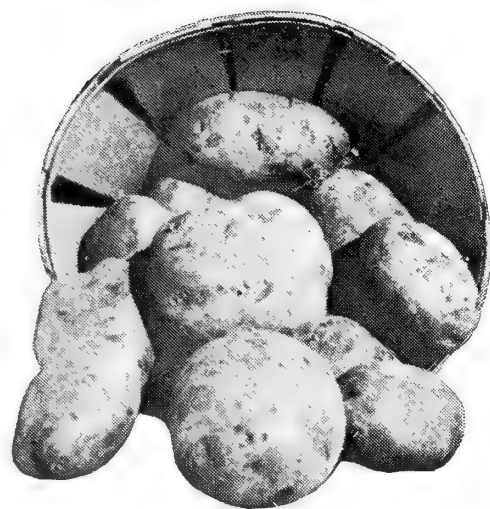
Green Mountains

Carmen No. 3. This white round potato is noted for its very shallow eyes. It is a good yielder and a favorite in the market.

Price \$3.00 per barrel.

Rural New Yorker. Is known from one end of the country to the other. It is round, white, and yields well in light soils.

Price \$3.00 per barrel.



Rural New Yorker



American Giant

American Giant. Is a long white potato much like the old White Star. It is a mealy potato much liked wherever long potatoes are no objection.

Price \$3.00 per barrel.

World's Wonder. Is a nice round to oblong, white potato, ripening in mid-season, with good eating qualities that has been growing in favor the past few years. It has extra yielding qualities that commend it and we like it best among the mid-season varieties.

Price \$3.00 per barrel.

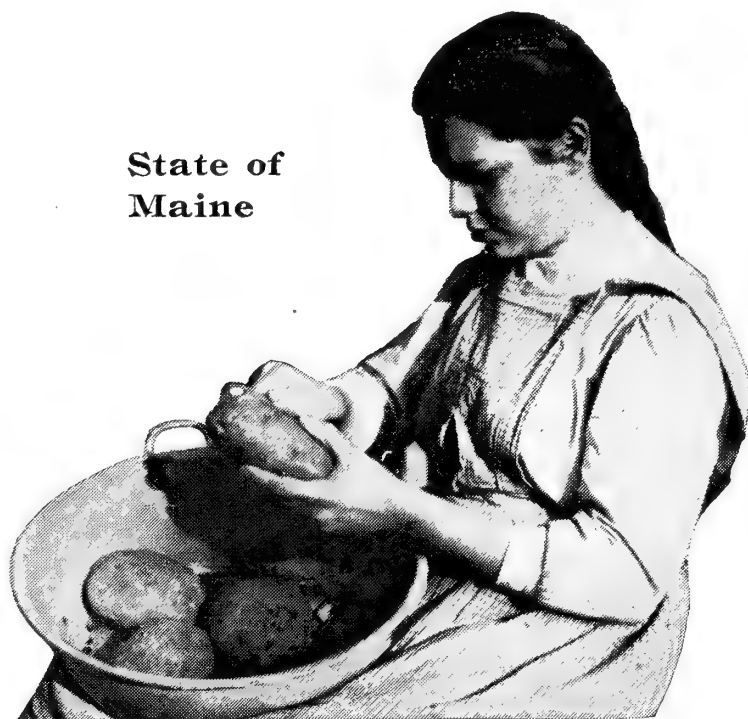
State of Maine. Another white, round to oblong variety, ripening in mid-season. Noted for its fine eating qualities and heavy yields.

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Sir Walter Raleigh. A white variety, mid-season, good quality, a heavy yielder, known everywhere.

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Spring Rye does well wherever Oats succeeds. It is grown for the grain as well as for early spring pasture. $1\frac{1}{2}$ bu. to 2 bu. should be sown per acre, as early in the spring as weather conditions will permit.

Price \$1.35 per bu. Bags, 22c each extra.

Spring Wheat. Red Fife variety. Has not succeeded so well in the temperate zone but is adapted for the more Northern sections. It is sown by some for pasture purposes along with other grains and grasses. Should be planted early in the spring, $1\frac{1}{2}$ bu. to 2 bu per acre.

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Spring Barley. Six rowed. This is a standard among well known varieties. Has been a favorite for many years and is giving the best satisfaction.

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Beardless Barley. Price \$1.40 per bu. Bags, 22c each extra.

Japanese Buckwheat. This is a desirable variety. Yields heavy, makes good flour and ripens early. Sow 60 lbs. per acre.

Price \$1.00 per bu. of 48 lbs. Bags, 22c each extra.

Silver Hull Buckwheat. This has a nice sized plump berry, silvery in color, blooms a long time and yields heavily. Sow 60 lbs per acre.

Price \$1.00 per bu. of 48 lbs. Bags, 22c each extra.

Black Cow Peas. This is the only straight variety of Cow Peas we sell. The Cow Pea is really a small bean of strong running or bush growth, making a large dark green foliage. Cow Peas are grown for summer and fall forage crops, for coarse hay and for soil improvement purposes. The fertilizer value of Cow Peas comes from the nodules of nitrogen that gather on the roots of the plant. When broadcasted, $1\frac{1}{2}$ bu. are required per acre. They may be planted about the time corn is planted and for a month thereafter. Some people sow in their corn fields at the last cultivation, and after the corn is gathered, the Cow Peas are pastured by cattle and hogs which fatten readily upon the provender. Farmers planting corn for ensilage sometimes plant Cow Peas on each hill with the corn with the result that the vines grow up with the corn stalk and the combination of corn and vine are cut up together for ensilage with the very best results.

Price \$3.00 per bu. of 60 lbs. Bags, 22c each extra.

Mixed Cow Peas. When planting Cow Peas for ensilage, soil improvement or forage it is economical to sow the mixed varieties not only because of their lower price but the mixed varieties give better results.

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Soja Beans. This is really a Pea ; large, round, and is planted for the same purpose as the Cow Pea. It grows to a height of 18 inches, is very prolific and makes very nutritious forage. Being a legume it is highly valued for soil improvement.

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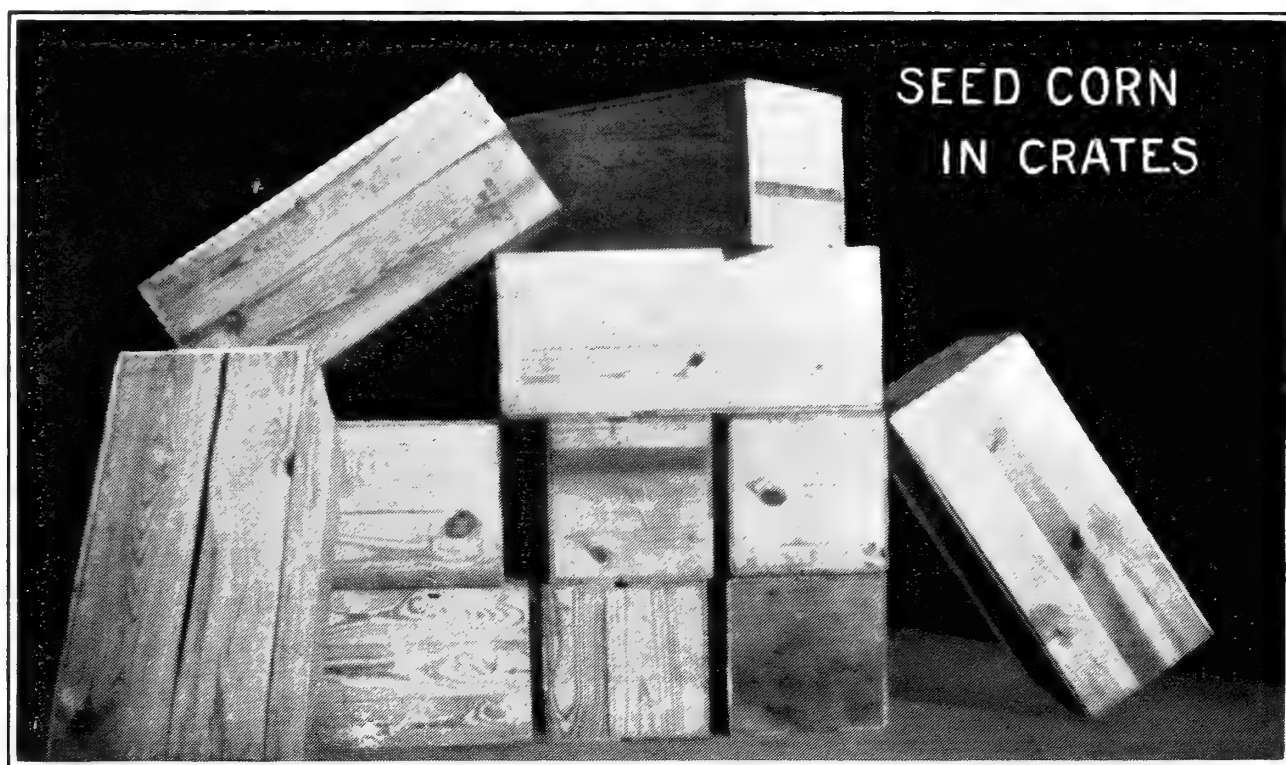
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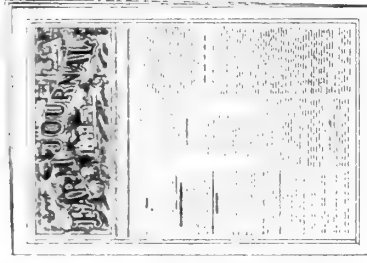
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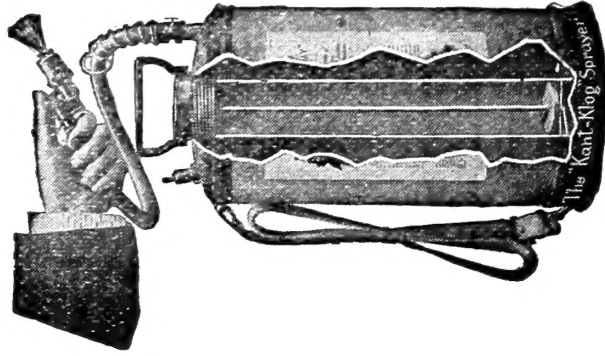


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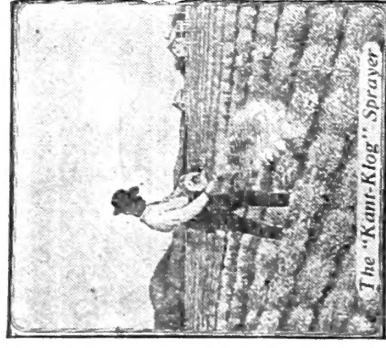
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